



**Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Wednesday 18 March 2026, at the Reading Rooms, Great Brington**

**Present:** Cllr N Tompkins (Chair), R Gardner, D Kennedy, M Roach and R Welsford  
**Also Present:** Clerk and three members of the public  
**Apologies:** Cllr S Beeusaert, Cllr K White, Ward Cllr Morton  
**Meeting:** Started at 7.45pm

189/2026	<b>Welcome and Announcements</b> Cllr Tompkins (Chair) welcomed all to the meeting.	<b>Action</b>
190/2026	<b>To receive apologies for Absence</b> Apologies were received from Cllr S Beeusaert and Cllr K White. These were agreed.	Clerk
191/2026	<b>To receive declarations for interest on items on the Agenda</b> Cllr Tompkins advised a pecuniary interest in the Finance item as she was related to a payee.	Clerk
192/2026	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b> Resolved to accept the minutes <i>Chair signed the minutes</i>	Clerk
193/2026	<b>Public Participation</b> Two residents came to speak about the potential extension to the Saracens Head car park. The owner does not believe that planning permission is required. Neighbours have made the planning team at WNC aware. It is can take up to 6 weeks to investigate the issue.	
194/2026	<b>To Note Reports</b> <b>The Chair</b> – Summarised report that was read out in his absence Barclays Bank as we feared were less than helpful in actioning the mandate change for Rachael Ball to take over We had significant challenges which resulted in me having three one hour calls. After lodging a formal complaint Barclays accepted the complaint confirmed that the mandate would be approved an all documentation should be in our hands by 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> March. In recognition we were offered at £150 compensation payment. At this point Rachael and I assumed all was now resolved. Rachael then had a further call from Barclays being unhappy her signature varied. Another complaint another ex-Gracia payment of £50. All is now resolved just waiting for online banking to be turned on. 2: I attended the WNC Local Plan review at Long Buckby ( LB ) on 4 <sup>th</sup> March. Considerable local interest on the impact on LB and some interesting conversations with the strategic planners. It quickly became obvious they have no interest or real knowledge of the impact of their strategy on local communities for example the severe road network damage for enhanced traffic during construction. Just a casual palm off “oh that’s Highways” I am proposing to meet with the Head of Highways. Anyone wishing to join – <i>Cllr Tompkins and Kennedy to join.</i> 3: I have noticed Althorp continued shooting on the state after the end of the season. Does anyone know what has been happening? – Confirmed that it was pigeon shooting <b>The Clerk</b> – Clerk also reported lots of time spent trying to get access to the Barclays account. She has now been approved on the mandate. Awaiting online login details. Clerk has reviewed the internal audit report as she could not see it in the minutes. The clerk would like to have bought to the meeting great financial information since she has been in post but is limited due to no access. Moving	Chair

	<p>forward budget to be reviewed at least quarterly along with bank reconciliation.</p> <p><b>Ward Councillors</b>- Not present</p> <p><b>Police</b> – Criminal damage to the cricket pavillon was reported to the police. Cllr Welsford has applied for the community speed watch programme, with the aim of doing this between the two villages. A 20MPH sign opposite the pub has been cut down. Once the 16 weeks are up all 20MPH to be move as per guidance.</p>	Cllr Welsford
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195/2026	<p><b>Planning Applications</b>  <b>Application No. 2026/0750/FULL</b></p> <p>Proposal: Alterations to existing windows (timber to UPVC), change existing doors on front elevation to windows and replacement of window lintels.</p> <p>Location: The Green Nobottle Road Little Brington NN7 4HJ</p> <p>The council has no objection to this application</p> <p><b>Application No: 2025/5267/S73</b></p> <p>Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to planning permission 2025/0626/S73 [Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission WND/2022/0930 (Demolition of existing commercial buildings and construction of single dwelling) to include garage and workshop] to retain photovoltaic roof panels, external flue, raised eaves and roofs to certain buildings along north side, a new eaves dormer, revised fenestration, and brick outshot to accommodate PV associated plant (retrospective).</p> <p>Location: Workshop And Premises, East Haddon Road, Great Brington NN7 4JF</p> <p>Amendment Details: Submission of revised drawings to regularise various built elements</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the council believe that the workshop requires a full planning application. Cllr David Kennedy to review the case and send a response on behalf of the council with the clerk.</p>	Clerk
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196/2026	<p><b>Consultations</b></p> <p>a. Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits Special Protection Area Guidance and Mitigation Strategy – No comment on this application</p>	Clerk
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197/2026	<p><b>To Note any update from Althorp Estates</b></p> <p>No representative present from Althorp. However, it was noted that all the footpaths that had been reported to Althorp are reopen</p>	
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198/20026	<p><b>Reading Room</b></p> <p>Document has been amended and Cllr Roach will send it to the Reading Room Committee shortly</p>	Cllr Roach/ Kennedy
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199/2026	<p><b>Kimbells Field</b></p> <p>Council noted the £1220 spend on the pavillon over the last 6 years. The pavilion is at the end of its useful life.</p> <p>RB offered to write the newsletter article re Kimbells Field and as Cllr James is not available</p>	Clerk
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200/2026	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>a. To Note Receipts and Approve Payments for February and March 2026 – RESOLVED to agree the below invoice and the additional invoice of the previous clerks 7.75 hours overtime that was presented at the meeting</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="279 2027 1420 2128"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Total amount</th> <th>Sub total</th> <th>VAT</th> <th>Additional notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payee	Description	Total amount	Sub total	VAT	Additional notes							
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HMRC	Previous Clerk NI and Tax contributions	273.17	273.17	0	LGA 1972, Section 112
R Ball	Salary Feb	634.57	634.57	0	LGA 1972, Section 112
R Ball	Tax and NI Contribution	215.02	215.02	0	LGA 1972, Section 112
R Ball	Salary March	558.39	558.39	0	LGA 1972, Section 112
R Ball	Tax and NI Contribution	181.75	181.75	0	LGA 1972, Section 112
Third Avenue	Feb Website	62.4	52	10.4	LGA 1972, Section 142
Third Avenue	Jan Website	62.4	52	10.4	LGA 1972, Section 142
Compete 360	365 Back up cost	4.93	4.11	0.82	LGA 1972, Section 111
Eon	Cricket Pavillion Standing Charge	29.4	28	1.4	LGA 1972, Section 133
Althorp	Reading Room rent - 25/3-23/6	270	225	45	LGA 1972, Section 133
Althorp	Rent at the playing fields March 2026-March 2027	638.4	532	106.4	LGA 1976, Section 19
		2930.43	2756.01	174.42	

- b.** To note the Bank Reconciliation for 31 January 2026 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Noted The bank balance on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 £2173.72 and £20485.60 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 £1497.06 and £20542.89
- c.** To note the Bank Balance at 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – awaiting bank statement from Barclays Bank
- d.** To note the current spend vs budget

	<b>2024/2025</b>	
	£	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Precept	23790.25	23791
Grants/Donations		48
Bank interest	250.00	154.85
VAT claims	3233.00	5451.19

	Kimbles Field Rent	250.00	0	
	Awards For All - Lottery	0.00	0	
	CIL	0.00	4543.71	
	Duplicate payment refund	0.00	1035.6	
	<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>27,523.25</b>	<b>35024.35</b>	
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
	Audit Fees (int & ext)	250.00	441	-191.00
	Subscriptions (NALC/CPRE/SLCC)	650.00	739.72	-89.72
	Bank Charges	-	0	0.00
	PWLB Loan	-	0	0.00
	Insurance	500.00	0	500.00
	Clerk Salary Inc PAYE	8000.00	8769.85	-769.85
	Clerk Expenses	500.00	696.67	-196.67
	Phone / Office (incl cllr training & IT)	600.00	222.5	377.50
	Election Expenses	1146.00	80.5	1065.50
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	Electricity	2000.00	3910.24	1910.24
	Grass Cutting Dog Waste Bin Emptying	3500.00	4205.5	-705.50
	Chairmans Allowance	0	0	0.00
	Newsletter	350.00	350	0.00
	LB Field	500.00	280	220.00
	Kimbells Field	1000.00	0	1000.00
	Village events / groups	300.00	606	-306.00
	Parish Improvements	1000.00	352.59	647.41
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	LBPf Improvements	11500.00	16210.09	4710.09
	IT Improvements	500.00	610.97	-110.97
	Reading Room Rent/ Insurance Premium	1500.00	2850.07	1350.07
	Kimbells Field Improvements	500.00	103.44	396.56
	S50 Road Traffic Licence			0.00
		3233.00	4631.67	-
	<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>37,529.00</b>	<b>45060.81</b>	<b>7531.81</b>
<b>201/2026</b>	<b>To receive a report in regards to the current bank position of the council and make any decisions where appropriate</b>			
	RESOLVED to change the current account to Unity Bank once we have full access to the Barclays account.			Clerk
<b>202/2026</b>	<b>To approve the asset register</b>			
	RESOLVED to approve the current register and add on the mobile phone			Clerk
<b>203/2026</b>	<b>To approve the insurance provider from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026</b>			
	RESOLVED to continue with Zurich insurance for the next 12 months			Clerk
<b>204/2026</b>	<b>Policies and Procedures</b>			
	RESOLVED to approve			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IT policy with additional wording that every device for the council and councillors is required to have anti virus protection</li> <li>Risk Assessment</li> </ul>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data audit</li> <li>• Subject Access Request Procedure</li> </ul>	Clerk
<b>205/2026</b>	<p><b>To approve the accessibility notice for the website</b></p> <p>RESOLVED to accept the accessibility notice for the website</p>	
<b>206/2026</b>	<p><b>Welcome packs for the village</b></p> <p>Clerk to speak to the newsletter team as they are also looking into this. Look at a coordinated approach. The clerk to report back</p>	Clerk

**Meeting Closed 21.05pm**

